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SUBJECT: PRIME MINISTER'S PARTY VISITS NHA TRANG

1. DURING THE MORNING OF MAY 16, AT NHA TRANG, PRIME MINISTER
KHIEM ACCOMPANIED BY A 24 MAN DELEGATION OF DEPUTY PRIME
MINISTERS, MINISTERS AND OTHER HIGH LEVEL GVN OFFICIALS, CHAIRED
A CONFERENCE FOR THE REVIEW OF THE PROGRESS MADE ON THE 1974
COMMUNITY SECURITY AND LOCAL DEVELOPMENT (CSLD) PLAN IN MR-2.
IN ATTENDANCE WERE THE CG II CORPS AND MR-2, HHIS MR STAFF,
REGIONAL MINISTERIAL REPRESENTATIVES, PROVINCE CHIEFS AND CHIEFS
OF PROVINCE SECURITY AND LOCAL DEVELOPMENT COORDINATING CENTERS
(SLD/CC).

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2. LTG TOAN WELCOMED THE DELEGATION AND GAVE A BRIEFING OF THE

MILITARY SITUATION. THE REGIONAL SECURITY AND LOCAL DEVELOPMENT COORDINATING CENTER (RSLD/CC) CHIEF AND HIS DEPUTY BRIEFED ON THE PROGRESS OF THE CSLD PLAN. THE REGIONAL NATIONAL POLICE (NP) COMMANDER BRIEFED ON THE ERADICATION OF SOCIAL EVILS AND SEVERAL PROVINCE CHIEFS PRESENTED PROBLEMS TO THE CENTRAL DELEGATION FOR CONSIDERATION. THE CENTRAL DELEGATION RESPONDED DIRECTLY AND A LIVELY DISCUSSION ENSUED WHICH OCCASIONALLY BROUGHT FORTH OPPOSING VIEWS FROM DIFFERENT MINISTERS.

3. THE PRIME MINISTER CLOSED THE CONFERENCE WITH A COMMENDATION TO ALL REGARDING THE RESETTLEMENT AND RETURN TO VILLAGE (RTV) PROGRAMS WHICH HAD LITERALLY EMPTIED REFUGEE CAMPS IN MR-II. HE WENT ON TO EMPHASIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SUB-SUBSECTORS IN PROVIDING SECURITY SO THAT DEVELOPMENT COULD PROGRESS AND HE EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT VILLAGES MUST "STEP SLOWLY BUT STEADILY" TOWARDS SELF-SUFFICIENCY. THE PRIME MINISTER NOTED THAT THE LEVEL OF FOREIGN ASSISTANCE WAS DIMINISHING AND HE ADVISED EVERYONE TO PREPARE SHORT, MEDIUM AND LONG RANGE PROJECTS IN SOME DETAIL SO THAT THEY COULD BE ACTIVELY CONSIDERED IF AND WHEN FUNDS TO CARRY THEM OUT BECAME AVAILABLE. HE INSTRUCTED THE MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS TO PUBLISH A LIST OF THE LARGE PROJECTS SO THAT THE PROVINCES WOULD BE AWARE OF THEM AND WOULD NOT DESIGN LOCAL PROJECTS THAT WOULD DUPLICATE OR INTERFERE WITH THESE LARGER PROJECTS. HE STATED THAT THE PROVINCE CHIEFS SHOULD ANTICIPATE THEIR PROBLEMS, SUCH AS RICE IMPORT REQUIREMENTS, SO THAT THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT WOULD HAVE SUFFICIENT TIME TO WORK OUT A SATISFACTORY SOLUTION. HE EMPHASIZED THE CRUCIAL ROLE OF A AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMMENTED THAT "WE MUST HELP THE FARMER TO HELP OUR COUNTRY".

4. THE CONFERENCE ADJOURNED AT 1240 HOURS AND, FOLLOWING LUNCH, MOST OF THE MINISTERS RETURNED TO SAIGON. THE PRIME MINISTER, HOWEVER, SPENT THE NIGHT AND RETURNED THIS MORNING.
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